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REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of allowable subject matter.

Applicants again request (3rd request) that this application be associated with customer number 33525 and that the mailing address be changed to the address associated with customer number 33525. Copies of the following documents are enclosed: Revocation and Power Of Attorney; Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b); and Assignment from CoPresence to Kenvio LLC.

Claims stand rejected under 35 USC 112. Applicants have amended the claims to correct the cited informalities, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn in view of the amendments.

Claims 1-3, 11-14, 22-24 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kennedy (U.S. Patent No. 6,330,589). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as follows.

The claimed invention relates to a dialog facilitation system. One of the features of the claimed invention is that each dialog posting contains not only a posting identifier uniquely identifying the dialog posting but also contains a dialog identifier identifying the dialog to which the dialog posting corresponds. This feature enables the system to accurately associate each posting with the pertinent dialog.

Kennedy fails to disclose or suggest even the concept of a dialog as detailed in Applicants' disclosure. Rather, Kennedy teaches a crude client side post-processing which attempts to reconstruct the relationship between email messages as they are received by the client.

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A conventional messaging system such as disclosed by Kennedy does not disclose or suggest the use of a dialog identifier, and certainly there is no provision for encoding a dialog identifier in each message.

For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 1-3 and 22-24 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

As further aspect of the claimed invention is the posting summary. The posting summary is a construct which is not disclosed or suggested by Kennedy or any of the prior art of record. The recited posting summary includes, among other things, addressing information identifying recipients of the corresponding dialog posting, the posting identifier, the dialog identifier, referential information defining the relationship of the posting summary to other posting summaries in the dialog, and content description information.

It should be appreciated that the recited posting summary is not an email message. The posting summary does not contain the content of the posting (which is contained in the dialog posting).

As described on pages 18-19 of Applicants' disclosure [t]he addressing information contained in each posting summary provides a record of the intended direct (to) and indirect (cc) posting audience. The set of users extracted from each addressing information section of each posting summary contained in a path makes up what is referred to as a Path Ad-Hoc Interest Group and is used by the dialog facilitation system to control access and sharing requests.

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The dialog facilitation system uses a distributed storage model in which the dialog construct (posting summary), which preserves the temporal and contextual characteristics of the postings, is stored by the dialog facilitation system in the dialog store (storage area) 100-1, and the posting content is stored by the conventional messaging system 104 in a mail folder 104-6 within the content store 104-4. See FIGs. 1, 1A, 1B, and 14. In other words, the posting summary is a distinct entity from the posting content.

As already noted above in traversing the rejection of claims 1 and 22, Kennedy fails to disclose or suggest the recited dialog identifier, which is encoded into the posting summary of the claimed invention.

Moreover, Kennedy fails to disclose or suggest a posting summary containing addressing information identifying recipients of the corresponding dialog posting, another feature of the posting summary of the claimed invention.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection in view of Kennedy be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Further still, Kennedy further fails to disclose or suggest, among other things, a media coordinator as recited in Claims 1, 11, 22 and 32. The recited media coordinator uses the posting identifier, dialog identifier, and referential information to graphically present the spatial and temporal context of a selected dialog posting in relation to the other postings in the dialog.

The Office Action references FIGs. 4a-4b as disclosing the recited media coordinator. However, reliance on the referenced drawings is misplaced since FIGs. 4a and 4b are merely

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diagrams used to explain conversation threading, and fail to disclose or suggest the recited media coordinator which graphically presents the spatial and temporal context of a selected dialog posting in relation to the other postings in the dialog.

The Office Action further references col. 9, lines 46-55; and col. 4, line 66 - col. 5, line 19. However, reliance on the referenced portions is misplaced. Kennedy is completely silent on a graphical interface for displaying the spatial and temporal context of a selected dialog posting in relation to the other postings in the dialog, a feature of the claimed invention.

The rejection further states that since Kennedy is incorporated into Microsoft Outlook, the media coordinator is part of the enhanced Outlook application program. Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner has fails to establish that the enhanced Outlook application program contains a media coordinator using, among other things, a dialog identifier and referential information to present the spatial and temporal context of a selected dialog posting in relation to other postings belonging to a given dialog, a feature of the claimed invention.

Claims 3, 14 and 24 further recite that the media coordinator provides a graphical interface which enables a user to navigate between postings belonging to a given dialog, displays the content description information of selected posting summaries, and selectively retrieves one dialog posting responsive to a user command and displays said posting detail information.

For these additional reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 3, 14 and 24 be reconsidered and withdrawn.


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It is believed that the above Remarks represent a complete response to the Office Action and that the Application is now in condition for allowance, and such favorable determination is requested.

If any questions regarding this Application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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